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2d MDOS keeps Airmen fit to fight



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Lady Bombers maintain air superiority on the courts



Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals



Depicted in hours	341.7	218.7	420.9
Goal:	65.0	34.6	115.0
Flown:	276.7	184.1	305.9
Remaining: As of: Jan. 7	-1.3	+7.8	-32.5

Courtesy 2d Operations Support Squadron

Weekend Weather



Today
Sunny

Hi: 51
Low: 30



Saturday
Mostly Cloudy

Hi: 49
Low: 29



Sunday
Sunny

Hi: 48
Low: 27

Courtesy 26th Operations Weather Squadron

Base participates in Blue Flag

BY TECH. SGT. JEFF LOFTIN
8TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

About 600 people will fill Barksdale's Combined Air Operations Center Tuesday for a joint exercise.

They are part of more than 5,000 from around the country and out at sea participating in Blue Flag 05-1 and Joint Task Force Exercise 05-2. Blue Flag and JTFEX will involve members of the Air Force, Navy, Army, British Royal Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force.

The 2d Bomb Wing also has people participating in the joint exercises. Aircraft from the 2d BW will fly a two-ship strike

mission during the exercises and conduct integration testing in a virtual B-52.

"Blue Flag and JTFEX are very important exercises for improving the capabilities for our numbered Air Force, our sister services and our coalition partners," said Col. Michael Moeller, 2d BW commander. "The 2d BW is proud to play a part in these exercises and stands ready to support these critical activities both on the ground and in the air."

The main purpose of Blue Flag is to certify staff from the 8th Air Force Combined Air Operations Center for deployment. Similarly, JTFEX is to certify the U.S. Third Fleet's Carl Vinson Carrier Group out

of San Diego, Calif., for deployment.

The two exercises will run back-to-back, but are markedly different. Blue Flag is an Air Combat Command-sponsored activity for Air Force numbered Air Forces, while JTFEX is a Chairman of joint chiefs of staff-approved, U.S. Joint Forces Command-sponsored field training exercise.

"We've combined a typically Air Force Blue Flag with a CJCS JTFEX to certify a Navy fleet and an Air Force NAF to be able to deploy," said Lt. Col. Daniel Clevenger, deputy director of the Strategic Command

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Barksdale accepts '03 Omaha Trophy

BY CAPT. CARLA PAMPE
8TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Members of Barksdale's 2d Bomb Wing recently brought home one of the top honors in U.S. Strategic Command — the Omaha Trophy — for Outstanding Strategic Aircraft Unit 2003.

The award was presented in a ceremony Jan. 6 at Hoban Hall. Marine Gen. James Cartwright, U.S. Strategic Command commander, presided over the ceremony.

"It is the excellence and standards you have operationally that earned this award for you all," General Cartwright said. "You have really set the mark operationally throughout the world ... and you are to be commended for that."

General Cartwright noted what a busy year the 2d BW had, and what a difference it is making in the war on terror.

"You have found the formula to be successful," he said. "My hat's off to you for what you've done over the past year."

The general also noted how important it is for Barksdale to maintain a good relationship with the communities which surround it.

"These types of situations where we take the opportunity to make a relationship with the community are so critical to the military," the general said. "It lets them understand what you do day to day in the military."

After his remarks, General Cartwright introduced Mr. Jack Baker, a member of the USSTRATCOM Consultation Committee, for the trophy presentation.

"The Strategic Command Consultation Committee looks forward to the opportunities such as this to recognize you ... the best of the best," he said. "Even though our time here is short, we're already impressed by the commitment and spirit we've seen from you, our fighting men and women."

Mr. Baker praised the men and women of the 2d BW for their hard work and dedication to the mission.

"Over the past year your missions

See Trophy on Page 7



Tech. Sgt. Denise Raydar/2d CS

Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander shows off the Omaha Trophy to the mighty Deuce.

Welcome 2BW/CCC Chief and Mrs. Mohr



Wing accelerates into 2005

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER

2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

The New Year is in full swing, and Team Barksdale is already in full afterburner and accelerating!

Over the holidays, many of our expeditionary warriors returned home from the desert and Pacific theater. In every case, our deployed members performed at the superstar level and added to the enduring legacy of greatness for Barksdale and the 2d Bomb Wing. The entire base and community salutes your outstanding service!

As we start into 2005, our vision will not change — we are still working every day to ensure the second is first ... in peace ... in war ... to victory!

It is an extremely high mark on the wall, but we can attain the wing's vision if we stay true to our core values and vector. The mission statement also endures exceptional warriors ready now to provide responsive, flexible and accurate bomber combat power and operational support to warfighting commanders ... anytime, anywhere. Every minute of every day we remain committed to stay the world's finest at flying, fixing and supporting bomber operations. Destroying America's enemies is our calling — the 2d BW exists to fight and win our nation's wars.

To achieve our vision and accomplish our mission, we must rededicate ourselves to the wing's TWO vector — it is our flight plan to success. With so many returning from long deployments and new arrivals to the base, it is a perfect time to reintroduce the wing to the TWO vector and why it is important that we integrate it into everything we do.

Total focus on mission excellence. Every Deuce warrior must always remember that whether deployed or at home, combat capability is job No. 1.

Across the wing, every person must ensure they maintain our Aerospace Expeditionary Force and U.S. Strategic Command readiness and training at the highest levels. Additionally, the 2d BW has historically been known for its initiative and revolutionary ideas about airpower employment. We must continue that legacy by being the center of innovative concepts for employment and deploy-



ment operations.

Work together — take care of each other to build trust and an unbeatable team. Job No. 2 is to take care of each other. Only a team effort built upon individual excellence will enable us to be the best, and that means that every person must know where he or she fits into the team and their importance to mission success. Also, we must trust each other with our lives if required and this requires total confidence to build a unified team. This special trust requires 100 percent total dedication to safety, compliance, discipline and accountability both on- and off-duty.

Offer opportunities and resources for personal and professional wellness and growth. Job No. 3 is a personal commitment to be the best while ensuring you and your family's physical, mental

and spiritual health. This means we must meet warrior standards, do the things required to enhance opportunities for promotion and develop the depth and breadth of experience critical for professional fulfillment.

So, as we accelerate into 2005, make sure you understand the importance of your contributions to the success of the mighty Deuce. Every person is a critical link in our mission chain, and

your commitment to the wing's vision, mission and vector comes as a direct result of personal leadership. As Gen. Douglas MacArthur once said, "A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent."

Each Deuce warrior must make "be a leader" their New Year's resolution — only then can we ensure we stay second to none!

“ Every minute of every day we remain committed to stay the world's finest at flying, fixing, and supporting bomber operations. ”
— Col. Michael Moeller

Vision

The 2d Bomb Wing is first ... in peace ... in war ... to victory!

Mission

Exceptional warriors ready now to provide responsive, flexible and accurate bomber combat power and operational support to warfighting commanders. Anytime, anywhere.

Vector

Total focus on mission excellence

Work together — take care of each other to build trust and teamwork

Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

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The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller
2d Bomb Wing commander

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Learn to celebrate other's diversity

BY LT. COL. FLORENCE VALLEY
2D MEDICAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON

Recently, I have been dwelling on the concept of diversity. What makes it worth celebrating and what keeps it floating around in contention?

I reflected on initial meetings I hold with my new squadron members. When I first started these meetings, they were more about the new person and not so much about me. They were more of an interview than a dialogue.

Then I noticed that if we shared something in common, like the area of the country we grew up in, or raising a child of the same age, we tended to talk longer and at a more personal level. It was definitely a good start for developing a relationship.

It became apparent that we felt at ease

when discussing our similarities or sharing snippets of our lives. When our backgrounds were very dissimilar, it sometimes took longer to get to an easy flow of dialogue — to click. And sometimes it just didn't happen at all.

Being unique is a fun thing, but it doesn't seem to open up the conversation like having a shared experience. However, finding something in common with one another isn't always possible to stumble across in a short conversation.

So I have learned over time to share and take pride in my own diversity, using it as a link when similarities are scarce.

Unique is being a South Dakota farm girl, the youngest of 11 kids, who became a nurse, joined the Air Force, married and had a family, while moving to 10 different locations (so far).

But it's still more about facts and less

about sharing life's stories. Yet we often become more familiar with something by learning basic information and building from there. Starting a relationship in this way works too, it just takes longer.

We've all experienced the immediate connection we feel with someone who shares the same interest or passion as we do. The more similarities make it feel more like we've known them forever.

Maybe the same things that draw us naturally toward similarity are the same things that keep us from embracing diversity. So what then?

I know I'm not alone thinking diversity is of great value. The successes of a team made up of multitalented individuals are often greater than a team composed of people exactly alike.

The philosopher Jerome Nathanson wrote, "The price of the democratic way

of life is a growing appreciation of people's differences, not merely as tolerable, but as the essence of a rich and rewarding human experience."

If you don't think diversity is worthwhile, just do the same motion over and over again. So perhaps diversity isn't so unnatural and we need and thrive on both. Maybe some of us just aren't as good at incorporating diversity into our lives as others.

I've told my daughter a million times in her short life that if she wants to get good at something she has to practice. It's funny that we don't usually mind practicing stuff we have a knack for, like my daughter's swimming. She could swim from sun up to sun down. Reading, on the other hand, is hard for her, so she has to struggle to find the desire to practice.

PRO Safety: new mindset for new year

BY LT. COL. BRUCE WAY
2D BOMB WING SAFETY OFFICE

You've seen them on the news. You've read about them on the sports page. You may have even met a few personally.

A pro is somebody we all look up to and respect. A pro gets the job done right every time and makes it look easy in the process. But you don't have to take a trip to the Super Bowl to find a pro. Every member of Team Barksdale is already a pro in the workplace.

As we look to the coming year, let's all resolve to become a pro in safety as well by making "PRO" safety a way of life.

Procedures

Proper procedures are the backbone for every task we do; they organize our efforts, conserve scarce resources and prevent unnecessary injuries or equipment damage. In the fast paced Air Force of the 21st century, resource conservation is more important than ever.

We simply cannot afford to waste a single piece of equipment, much less a human life. Checklists, technical order guidance and governing directives have all evolved over time to help us accomplish our mission safely and effectively.

Personal protective equipment complements written procedures to ensure we can return to work again and again. No task is urgent enough to warrant cutting corners on established procedures or PPE requirements. This is not to suggest that all procedures are perfect. Air Force innovators will always find better ways to accomplish the mission safely and efficiently. That's why the Air Force has a time-tested process in place to review and implement changes to published procedures. Until officially changed, the written guidance is still the law of the land. Of course, proper procedures and PPE are just as important off-duty as on-duty, and go a long way toward mitigating risk. We may not have any formal T.O. guidance off-duty, but many things we encounter in our daily lives, from the goods we buy to the activities we engage in, do have safety guidelines. Follow them — they might just save your life.

Risk management

It would be great if we could eliminate all risk, but that's just not in the cards. Every human endeavor involves risk; our on- and off-duty lives are no different. The key to safety is to recognize the risks, eliminate unnecessary risks, minimize as many risks as possible and to make sure the benefit we gain in any activity is worth the risks we take. I'm sure you've heard of operational risk management and personal risk management, but successful risk management is not just an acronym, a checklist or a program — it's a mindset that stems from a solid safety culture.

The Air Force has highlighted a few "high risk" activities like motorcycle riding and wakeboarding, but could never possibly capture all the risks in every conceivable on- and off-duty activity. That doesn't mean that other activities aren't dangerous, it just means the Air Force hasn't singled them out for special attention. Whenever you undertake a new activity, evaluate the hazards. If you are getting ready to engage in some particularly exotic sport or activity, chances are you have a much better picture of the potential hazards than your supervisor, your commander or any of us in the safety office.

Listen to the little voice inside your head. Think about what could go wrong and bet on the worst case if you

are laying down your personal safety as collateral — remember Murphy's Law. If you can eliminate a hazard, do it. If you can't eliminate a potential hazard, do the best you can to minimize the impact if it occurs. Arming yourself with a solid risk management mindset will ensure you're ready for any situation you face, even when it's not covered by a checklist.

Observe and take action

You are the best sensors in the Air Force inventory. Better than surveillance cameras. Better than spy satellites. Even better than the radar in an F/A-22. Look around and keep a keen eye on the people, facilities and equipment that surround you. When you see a problem, don't just walk on by — take action. If you can fix the problem yourself, do it. If the problem is outside your span of control, elevate it through your chain of command to the appropriate authority and insist they correct it.

Most importantly, don't forget to pay particularly close attention to the Air Force's most valuable resource — its people. Be a good wingman. Observe the people around you, make sure they're following proper procedures and practicing sound risk management, and intervene to break the mishap chain when they are not. Ask tough questions when giving your pre-departure briefing to ensure your co-workers have a safe travel plan.

Never let anyone you know drive without a seatbelt, ride a motorcycle without a helmet, get behind the controls of any motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, or take any other unnecessary risks. Take action, stop them and if you can't, inform their supervisor. It may be difficult to confront someone close to you when they are doing something dangerous, but any discomfort you may feel from doing the right thing will be an unbelievably small price to pay for saving a human life.

Finally, stay in tune with the stress others may be experiencing. Far too many Airmen have resorted to suicide rather than face what may seem to them an insurmountable wall of problems. Listen to your co-workers, family, friends and even your supervisors. If you suspect they may want to harm themselves, take them seriously, confront them and get them help.

2005 promises to be a great year for all of Team Barksdale. If every member of our team becomes a safety PRO on and off-duty, this can be our safest year ever and we will make significant progress toward our ultimate goal — zero mishaps.



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Barksdale Airmen return home

J. MANNY GUENDULAY

THE BOMBARDIER

More than 250 Airmen returned home to Barksdale this week after their 120-day deployment to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

The Airmen came from the 2d Munitions Squadron, 2d Operational Support Squadron, 2d Mission Support Squadron, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 20th Bomb Squadron. Their time at Andersen was spent providing heavy bombardment capability for the Pacific Command.

Along with the families of the men and women who returned, the 2d Bomb Wing was happy to see its Airmen back.

"I am exceptionally glad to have all of our warriors back from their most recent AEF deployments," said Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander. "They performed magnificently. The large group who made up the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron and the 36th Operations Group did exceptionally fine work adding luster to the reputation of the B-52 and the mighty Deuce in the Pacific."

"I am also proud of the great welcome home we gave our returning heroes," the colonel said. "It is always touching to see the joy in the faces of family and friends when they are reunited with loved ones."

Staff Sgt. Brian Barnwell, 2d MUNS, returned to

Barksdale Saturday afternoon after a 14-hour flight and was greeted instantly by his family, including his 2-year-old son Jathin. The sergeant's son wasn't much for words, but said he had missed his dad while he held him tight.

"It was a long trip, but I'm glad to be home," Sergeant Barnwell said a few days after his return. "Now that I've been home for a while, I've enjoyed the time off to spend with my family."

He kept in touch with his wife, April, and his other son, Raidon, through e-mail and spoke on the phone regularly. April said she used the time without her husband as an opportunity to spend time with her relatives.

Though the 2d BW's bombers and those who support them are back, Barksdale Airmen are still involved in the Pacific Command effort. The bombers and Airmen of the 917th Wing deployed earlier this month to replace returning 2d BW Airmen.

Just like any deployment, moving a large group of people and equipment comes with many contingencies; however, the installation deployment officer, Capt. Greg Boschert of the 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, said they were able to work around those problems.

"Because of the tsunami relief effort in the Pacific, returning our troops was turned into a flexible and fluid process," Captain Boschert said. "The wing came together and worked hard to get all of our people back to Barksdale. It was outstanding."



J. Manny Guendulay/The Bombardier

Staff Sgt. Brian Barnwell, 2d Munitions Squadron, is reunited with his 2-year-old son, Jathin, after his flight from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

New command chief looks forward to tenure at 2d Bomb Wing

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRANDON KUSEK

THE BOMBARDIER

The 2d Bomb Wing welcomed a new command chief master sergeant Monday with the arrival of Chief Master Sgt. Dwayne Mohr.

The chief comes to Barksdale from

Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., where he was the 14th Medical Group superintendent.

"I was excited when I found out I was coming to Barksdale," the chief said. "I was aware of Barksdale by its reputation as a big base with exceptional people and I'm proud to be a part of that."

Being the command chief is a challenging job; Chief Mohr does not want to let that stand in his way.

"One of my biggest challenges will be finding time to be involved with the many events happening on Barksdale," he said. "Time is always a limiting factor."

Chief Mohr, a Paducah, Ky., native, entered the Air Force in 1980 and has been stationed at Grand Forks AFB, N.D., as a Minuteman III maintainer; at Chanute AFB, Ill., as an instructor; as a recruiter in Athens, Ga.; Malmstrom AFB, Mont., as a Minuteman III maintainer; as a first sergeant at Tyndall AFB, Fla. and Howard AFB, Panama; and as the medical group superintendent at Columbus AFB, Miss.

The chief is accompanied by his wife, Rita, whom he has been married to for 26 years, and has a son, Matthew, of Panama City, Fla., a daughter, Amanda, who is married to Staff Sgt. Phil Lewis, 653d Combat Logistics Support Squadron Quality Assurance at Robins AFB, Ga., and one grandson, Zackary.

Chief Mohr is proud of his new position and recognizes the opportunity to share his experiences with younger Airmen.

"This is my chance to

give back to the Air Force all that it has given me," he said. "In this position I want to help meet the mission by removing the obstacles between our people and the successful completion of their mission. I will do that by acting as the pipeline for information between the enlisted force and the wing commander."

The chief plans to build teamwork between all agencies and add the already strong sense of enlisted heritage here at Barksdale.

"I plan to work with enlisted organizations like the First Four Airmen, Team 56, Top Three, First Sergeants Group and Chiefs Group by supporting them and their activities in order to improve the enlisted force and ability to meet mission capabilities," he said.

Chief Mohr's main concern is Barksdale's high operations tempo.

"I'm going to do everything possible to take care of people and their families while the military member is deployed so they can take care of the Air Force mission," the chief said.

"When family members are left behind by our deployed Airmen, they need a support system," the chief said. "I want to make them aware of all of programs available to families while they are separated and insure that those programs do what they are designed to do."

The chief is looking forward to the many opportunities he'll encounter at Barksdale.

"It is my privilege to be the command chief of the largest bomb wing in the most respected Air Force in the world," Chief Mohr said. "Thank you for this chance to serve you."



Airman 1st Class Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

The 2d Bomb Wing's new command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Dwayne Mohr talks with Staff Sgt. Daniel Montes, 2d Communications Squadron secure communications technician.



Airman 1st Class Trina Flannagan/2d CS

Running down a dream

Members of four-man teams participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. relay race Tuesday presented by the African-American Heritage Committee.

BARKSDALE'S AIRMAN OF THE MONTH

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
THE BOMBARDIER

An Airman from the 2d Communications Squadron earned Barksdale's Airman of the Month for December.

Airman 1st Class Jeremy Goins, a computer network cryptographic and switching systems apprentice, grew up in Pennsylvania and has been at Barksdale for six months.

Although he enjoys spending most of his free time relaxing and playing video games, he's found that finishing his career development course work is his present goal.

Though Airman Goins knows his hard work helped him earn the award, he also attributes his success to those around him on a daily basis.

"I think that working in a shop with Airmen as motivated and supportive as they are helped me the most," he said. "I also have great supervisors who set high standards for us to follow. All in all I'm a part of a great team."

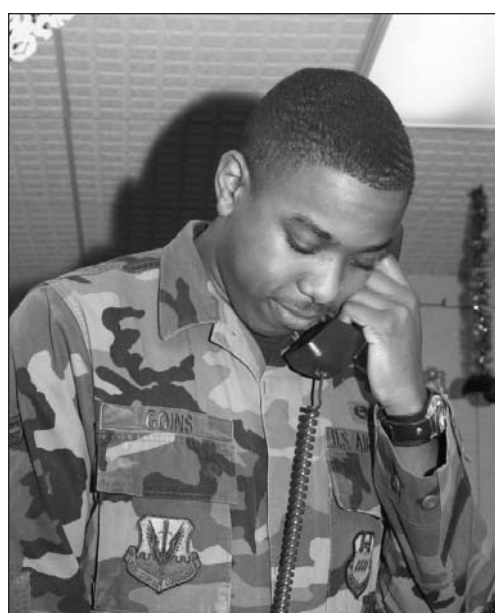
His supervisor, Staff Sgt. Brett Priest, had confidence in him for many reasons.

"I knew Airman Goins could win this award just as any of the other competitors could have won, the Air Force is full of professionals," Sergeant Priest said. "Airman Goins' advantage is his great work ethic. He strives to be great in everything and this gives him an edge over most."

While being evaluated for the board, Airman Goins knew he had a legacy to live up to. Airman Goins is the fourth person in his office to be named Airman of the Month in 2004, which may have put a bit more pressure on him.

"I was confident, yes, but I can't say I expected to win," he said. "When it's a choice among the best Airmen you can only hope that your best sets you apart from the rest."

Armed with a set of flashcards that he



J. Manny Guendulay/The Bombardier

Airman 1st Class Jeremy Goins

studied during lunchtime and breaks, Airman Goins also knew the significance of the award and its impact on his future goals.

"An award like this distinguishes you from other Airmen," he said. "Once that has been made, you're placed in better positions to be an example for others. In the near future, this award may lend itself useful in going up for senior airman below-the-zone."

Airman Goins believes he didn't try any harder than anyone else though he attributes his family's teachings to getting him to this point in his career.

"My parents have instilled characteristics in me throughout my life, which is a major part of my personality," he said. "They've always taught me to work hard and to give 100 percent no matter what the task is."

To those who are going for the award in the future, he simply offers this advice, "Study," he said. "After that, all you have to do is be confident in yourself."

Six weapons officers graduate from school

340TH WEAPONS SQUADRON

Six B-52 weapons officers graduated from the 340th Weapons Squadron's U.S. Air Force Weapons School in Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 18.

A total of 82 new weapons officers were honored during the commencement exercise.

The U.S. Air Force Weapons School is a graduate-level instructor course that provides advanced, realistic training in weapons employment and tactics. The school's 14 squadrons provide advanced training to A-10, B-1, B-2, B-52, F-15C, F-15E, F-16, F-117, special operations forces and HH-60 aircrew officers as well as officers assigned to command and control operations, intelligence and space operations. As graduates, these new "patch wearers" are charged with supporting their commanders as experts on the tactical employment and integration of their individual weapon systems.

The rigorous five-and-a-half month training program culminates with an intensive, three-week long composite-force employment exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

"This capstone phase focuses on integration and allows the students to combine all their capabilities during realistic, high-intensity combat operations," said Maj. Alex Boulter, 340th Weapons Squadron. "On any given mission, more than 60 aircraft of more than 20 types 'fight it out' over the skies of Nevada against a robust air-to-air and surface-to-air threat while integrating strike, command and control, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, space and special

operations assets to meet mission objectives. Graduates of the weapons instructor course are considered to be the best instructors in the Air Force."

The following captains graduated from the 340th Weapons Squadron: David Aragon, 20th Bomb Squadron; Scott Bussanmus, 11th Bomb Squadron; Scott Case, 23rd Bomb Squadron; Kevin Madrigal and Paul Peconga, 2d Operations Support Squadron; and Brady Vauclin, 96th Bomb Squadron. Captain Madrigal earned the B-52 outstanding graduate award for outstanding leadership and instructional ability and the academic award for maintaining the highest grade point average while Captain Bussanmus earned the B-52 flying award for exceptional instructional ability during briefings, execution and debrief.

Members from the 2d Maintenance Squadron, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron and 11th Aircraft Maintenance Unit ensured 100 percent of tasked B-52 sorties launched on time.

"The troops performed admirably during the beddown and operations of three B-52s," Major Boulter said.

Staff Sgt. Chad Adams, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, earned the outstanding maintenance support award for specialists for his efforts and contribution to the success of the B-52s during the USAFWS capstone exercise. Airman 1st Class Shawn Huddleston, 2d AMXS, earned the outstanding maintenance support award for crew chiefs and the knuckle-buster award for his efforts and contribution to the success of the B-52s during the USAFWS capstone exercise.



Airman 1st Class Kevin Camara/2d CS

King of the wing

Staff Sgt. James Kawechi, a 96th Aircraft Maintenance Unit dedicated crew chief, performs a 7-level panel inspection on the wing of a B-52 on the Barksdale flightline Tuesday. Crew chiefs conduct these last look safety-of-flight inspections before every flight.

Blue Flag brings challenges

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Air Forces Air and Space Center. "We did this to gain the synergism of having all the other services play in our part and us to be able to play in their part."

"As one team we will carry through the entire two exercises," said Maj. Daniel Willson, deputy director of 8th Air Force exercises and training.

Blue Flag helps to increase ACC readiness by providing battle staff experience to NAF and other selected members in a realistic environment. Blue Flag is ACC's foremost large scale, force-on-force, computer-assisted airpower exercise.

This Blue Flag will be the first large-scale exercise to be run out of Barksdale's CAOC since it received an \$8.7 million floor-to-

ceiling renovation.

Covering 26,000 feet of workspace the CAOC was interconnected with 23 miles of fiber optic cabling, more than 200 computer workstations, multiple communications systems, and the very latest command and control technology was installed.

JTFEX concentrates on naval activities and offers special challenges to Air Force planners.

"I'd say one of the major challenges was integrating the training objectives of both major players," Major Willson said. "Integrating the training objectives from 8th Air Force along with the training objectives of 3d Fleet and merging that with the separate scenarios was difficult. Their scenario is naval-centric around the fleet's tactical training requirements. ... Most of ours

are air centric and based on command and control procedures, yet the two meet."

Another challenge is linking all the many players together from all over the country.

"Datalinks have become standard operations, but they're difficult to get right," Major Willson said. "If you don't get it right, one portion will tend to draw down the situational awareness of everybody."

On top of the already challenging exercises, the CAOC will receive a large number of high-ranking visitors in the next two weeks.

Barksdale members can expect more traffic coming through the gates, and fewer parking spaces around the dental clinic and dining facility, and longer lines at base facilities.

Trophy: Victory for Team Barksdale shows hard work pays off

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have expanded and you're more prepared than ever to fight the global war on terrorism," Mr. Baker said. "I hope [this trophy] will remind you that the people in the heartland support you, we admire you and we value your service and your commitment to excellence."

Col. Michael Moeller, 2d BW commander, accepted the trophy on the wing's behalf.

"[This award] is a tribute to the tremendous commitment of the entire wing to our USSTRACOM mission — the wing sets and then resets the bar for excellence," he said. "Despite our extremely heavy operational taskings, our warriors stayed focused on the wing's vector and always put mission first and accomplished their assigned tasks right first time — every time!"

Colonel Moeller also stressed the Omaha Trophy represented a team effort.

"The Omaha Trophy is a Team Barksdale victory — the mighty Deuce could not have won without the help of 8th Air Force, the 917th Wing and the outstanding community support!"

The Omaha Trophy was first presented in 1970 on the 25th anniversary of the Strategic Air Command by the citizens of Omaha, Neb., as a way to honor outstanding units in SAC, and to show their appreciation for the men and women of the U.S. military.

In 1992, when SAC stood down and U.S. Strategic Command was activated, the USSTRATCOM Consultation Committee requested the new command to continue to award the Omaha Trophy to its outstanding operational units. New categories for best Intercontinental Ballistic Missile wing, U.S. Navy fleet ballistic missile submarine and strategic space and information operations unit were later added. The 2d BW previously won the trophy in 1988, 1991, 1994 and 1996.

News briefs

Retirement
Master Sgt. Wayne Penrod
Master Sgt. Wayne Penrod, 2d Bomb Wing Inspector General office, retires during a ceremony Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Dougherty Center. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military.

Flu vaccine
The FluMist intra-nasal vaccine is now mandatory for all Air Force active duty members, as directed by Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force vice chief of staff. The vaccine is available to all active duty Barksdale members who have not yet received a flu vaccine.
FluMist is available at Hoban Hall Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Those that are not able to take the FluMist will be given the shot vaccine. Shot records are encouraged, but are not necessary to receive the vaccine. Call public health at 456-6578 for more in-

formation about vaccination and availability.

Tricare policy change
Effective Jan. 1, the Tricare enrollment period for newborn and newly adopted children is reduced from 120 days to 60 days from the date of birth and/or the official date of adoption.
After 60 days, if a member’s child has not been enrolled in Tricare Prime, they will be considered enrolled in Tricare Standard and cost-shares and deductible will apply.
To avoid these added costs, sponsors must enroll their child in Tricare Prime within the first 60 days. To enroll in Tricare Prime, members must first go to the Military Personnel Flight and register their child in Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System prior to enrolling them in Tricare. Enrollment forms can be completed at the Service Center. For more information, call the Service Center at 1-800-444-5445 or Mr. Ed Merritt,

2d Medical Group, at 456-6567.

Nametags
Members who ordered nametags through military clothing sales in 2004 need to pick them up by Jan. 30 or they will be disposed of. Call Ms. Rita Murray at 746-6429 for more information.

Holiday decorations
All holiday decorations are to be taken down, put away and cleaned up by base housing residents by Saturday.

Krewe of Barksdale
The wing Mardi Gras Krewe is looking for beads no longer needed or wanted to use in this year’s parades. To make bead or monetary donations, call Master Sgt. Rudy Ruelas at 456-8641 or Master Sgt. William Miller at 456-8639.

AF civilians now assigned career fields

WIRE REPORTS

Randolph Air Force Base, Texas — Every Air Force civilian is now assigned to a specific career field, giving him or her a clear point of contact for career counseling.

This effort marks the first tangible effect of civilian career field management, said Air Force Personnel Center officials.

Career field management is the civilian equivalent of the military’s force development. Both initiatives are aimed at deliberately developing Air Force leaders in both military and civilian jobs.

Each civilian position has been assigned to a career field regardless of series, grade or pay plan, and a career field identification has been attached to each position, said Chrissy Ayers, standard core personnel document library manager. Career counselor contact information and the matrix used to code each position can be viewed online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cp/.

Positions that do not clearly meet the logic on the matrix will be forwarded to AFPC officials for a career field determination, she said.

“This is a change in how we manage and sustain the civilian force,” Ms. Ayers said. “It’s part of the ongoing process to bring the civilian and military personnel processes closer together.”

For more information, call (210) 565-2621 or DSN 665-2621. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

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Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola/18th CS

Supporting tsunami victims

Senior Airman Aqueelah Lucas, left, Airman 1st Class James Miller and Staff Sgt. Robert Carter, reconfigure the floor of a C-17 Globemaster III to accommodate pallets of equipment bound for Indonesia, Jan. 9 at Kadena Air Base, Japan. The Airmen are deployed from the 733d Air Mobility Squadron here.

New sexual-assault prevention policy

BY DONNA MILES
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

Defense Department officials announced sweeping changes in how the military handles sexual assaults Jan. 4, with uniform policies and procedures that apply to all servicemembers, whether they are at home station or deployed.

Dr. David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said the changes, laid out in 11 new memorandums sent to Congress and the military services, "will change the way the military handles sexual assault, from the operations arena all the way to culture of the institution, in a profound and lasting way."

The new DOD policy focuses on three major areas: enhanced education and training to help prevent assaults, improved treatment and support for victims and a better system for investigating and prosecuting offenders.

Dr. Chu said the changes are designed to help build a "climate of confidence" that instills trust in victims that they will get the care they need, while instilling in all servicemembers that "this crime will not be tolerated."

The goal of the new policies is to standardize programs and policies throughout the DOD to improve prevention of sexual assault, enhance victim support and increase accountability, officials said.

Dr. Chu acknowledged that the military's traditional victim-response system did not provide the level of care and support that victims need.

"We are moving aggressively to

put new systems in place to address this shortcoming," he said. "The well-being of victims is a priority for us, and we are doing whatever it will take to ensure they get the best possible care."

This support begins with a better system for reporting and investigating sexual assaults that is more sensitive to victims' privacy and confidentiality, Dr. Chu said. Final details of that effort are still being worked out but are expected to be resolved soon, possibly within the week, he said.

DOD's sexual-assault policy will also ensure uniform standards of care, "so no matter where you are or what branch you serve in, you will have the same support systems and the same response personnel available to you," he said. New reporting guidelines and protocols will ensure an appropriate and timely response that Dr. Chu said will treat victims with "the dignity and respect they deserve."

He stressed this will apply to forces wherever they might be deployed on the globe.

"All of these services should be available to everyone, everywhere," he said.

Ensuring that victims get this care will be the job of the newly established sexual-assault response coordinators. Dr. Chu said these officials will serve as a single point of contact to coordinate sexual-assault victim care. Once the concept is fully implemented, the coordinators will be at every military installation around the world, he said.

The new policy calls for consistent sexual assault prevention educa-

tion and training that begins in basic training and continues throughout the servicemembers' military careers.

The most basic part of the training includes clear-cut definitions of what constitutes sexual harassment, sexual assault and other sexual-related offenses. Dr. Chu said this will help "eliminate confusion and uncertainty about which actions constitute which offense."

Other training will be geared to first responders and commanders on dealing with cases of sexual assault within their ranks.

Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, commander of Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, said the new sexual-assault policy "will make a tremendous difference in the lives of the men and women in our services."

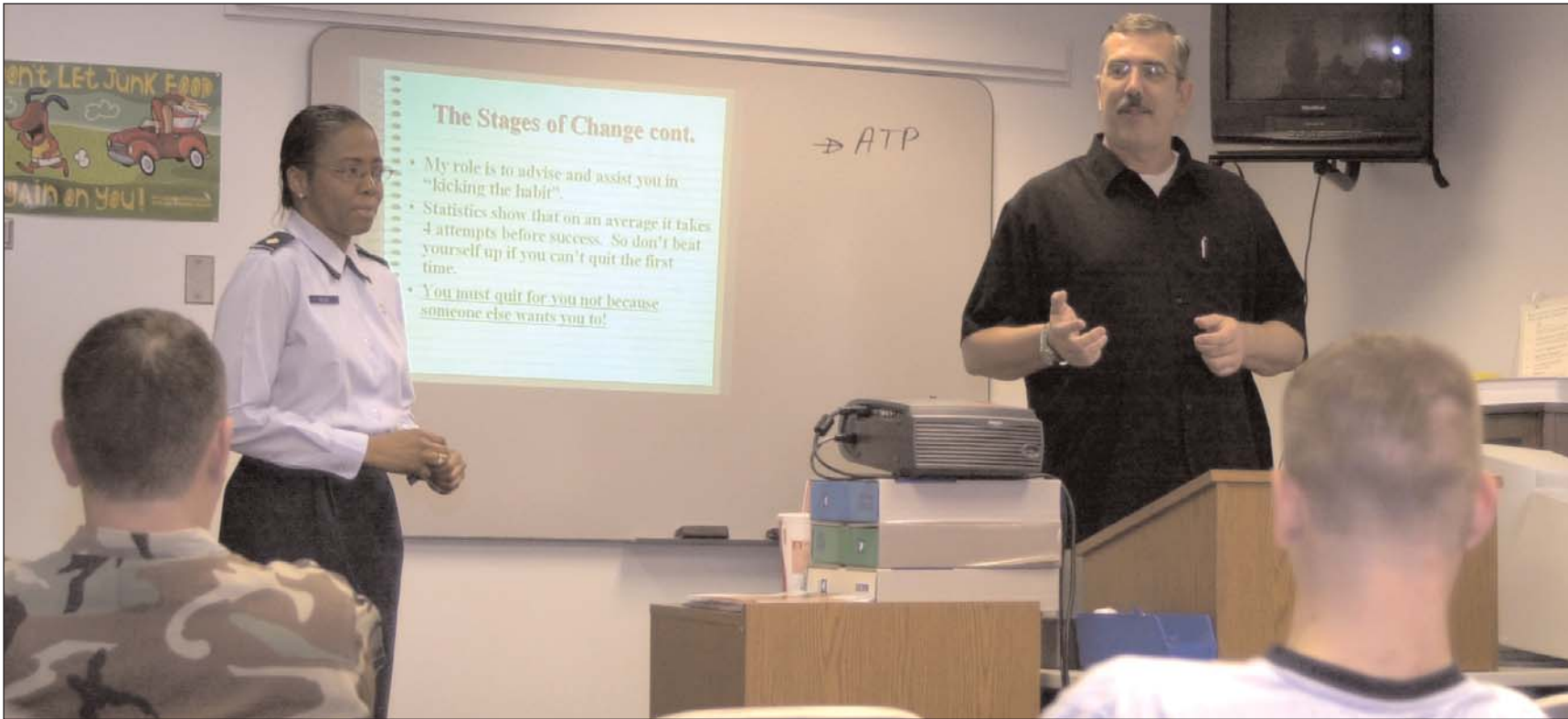
Despite what she called "huge strides," she acknowledged that the new policy is not an "overnight solution." Implementing the new policy in an effective way "will take time," she said.

The joint task force will provide oversight as the services implement the new policy over the next year to ensure programs are consistent, General McClain said.

Once implemented, this cohesive, department-wide program "will ensure that every servicemember has a baseline training to help prevent sexual assaults," she said. "And also, in the event that there is a sexual assault, (it will ensure) every servicemember will have access to the same standard of care and support, regardless of where (he or she is) assigned." (Courtesy Air Force Print News)



Above: Airman 1st Class Sergio Garcia, 2d MDOS bioenvironmental technician, conducts a hazardous sound level survey in the 917th Wing structural repair shop while Mr. Johnny Egloff operates a band saw to cut metal.
Below: Mr. David Sweeney, tobacco cessation facilitator, and Maj. Edna Kelley, 2d MDOS health and wellness center manager, speak to Barksdale members in the tobacco cessation class.



J. Manny Guendulay/The Bombardier

2d MDOS: Keeping Barksdale healthy

BY 1ST LT. JIM IVIE
2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 2d Medical Operations Squadron is known to most people as the doctors, nurses and technicians they visit when feeling sick or when they have an injury. The 2d MDOS includes family practice, flight medicine, pediatrics and most of the clinics people visit when they are not feeling 100 percent.

However, if the hard working Airmen in 2d MDOS have it their way, you will never need to call and make an appointment with any of their providers.

It's not that they don't care about their patients; more than 18,300 of them are assigned to providers in the squadron. In fact, 74,396 outpatient visits were accomplished by 2d MDOS in 2004, not counting the thousands of additional phone consultations.

The reason they hope you never have to visit a provider is that you are never sick or injured in the first place. A large portion of the mission at 2d MDOS is devoted to preventive care and outreach. They strive to keep the Barksdale community healthy.

From the Health and Wellness Center to the Family Advocacy Center to the Population Health Flight, 2d MDOS has numerous programs that reach out to the Barksdale community to keep people physically and mentally healthy.

"An ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure," said Maj. Edna Kelley, HAWC manager. "We believe in providing programs to help our population stay healthy."

The HAWC offers 17 different classes any active duty, family member or retiree can sign up for to learn different ways to stay healthy and fit. Some of the more popular classes are tobacco cessation, the healthy living workshop and fitness improvement program, Major Kelley said.

The bioenvironmental engineering section works hard to ensure there is nothing in the workplace that will injure you or make you sick. Their members conduct site visits to many shops around base where health hazards may pose a danger to Airmen.

"We go out and identify hazards and recommend corrective actions," said Staff Sgt. Claudia Thomas, NCOIC of bioenvironmental operations.

Members of bioenvironmental engineering recently discovered a chemical being used on base that had potentially adverse health affects. They recommended improvements to practices for handling the product that made the situation safe, Sergeant Thomas said.

The doctors in the flight medicine clinic also attend many of these site visits, which include visiting all food service areas on base. Flight medicine members are required to stay up-to-date on their training in this area, since they serve as the public health inspectors while deployed, said Capt. Shane McCauley, flight surgeon attached to the 20th Bomb Squadron.

Senior Airman Melissa Moates, aerospace medical technician in flight medicine, is responsible for the preventative health assessments for flyers. She makes sure Barksdale's rated community gets the regular exams they need to keep them flying.

"It's hard for flyers to come in many times because of their schedules, but I am able to juggle things

around to make sure everything happens on time," Airman Moates said.

The Family Advocacy Center offers the New Parent Support Program to all military members and their family members from the time of pregnancy until the youngest child reaches age 3. The program is a parent and child home visit prevention program that assists families with the transition into parenthood, care and parenting of newborns, communication and child growth and development.

"We believe in our motto — to build and maintain a healthy and resilient Air Force community," said Sharon McCarty, family advocacy nurse. "In NPSP we are able to offer individual service plans and different goals for each family."

One of the keys to keeping the Barksdale community healthy is all sections working together toward that same goal, said Lt. Col. Eleanor Foreman, primary care flight commander.

"We all work very closely together here," she said, "Our providers refer people to other sections of the clinic from family practice to make sure they get the care they need."

Another important factor to the prevention programs of 2d MDOS is allowing individuals to motivate themselves, rather than forcing them into self-improvement programs, Major Kelley said.

"The time when we had an 86-year-old patient come in and say to us 'Tell me about diet and nutrition' was very heart-warming," the major said. "We would rather people walk in; it shows they are motivated."

With a base that stays so busy, preventive care is key to keeping the base healthy, Major Kelley said.

"Barksdale has a very busy clinic. It is non-stop all day long," Colonel Foreman said. "Each provider has approximately 1,500 patients assigned to them, and other tasks such as exercises, deployment lines, records screenings and disaster response also take a huge amount of time."

If not for their tremendous efforts in preventive care, the members of 2d MDOS likely would be even busier. Instead, because of their efforts, Barksdale people are healthier and able to tackle their mission head-on.



Airman 1st Class Sonya Padilla/2d CS
Capt. OraNetta Hall, 2d MDOS family practice nurse, washes her hands in preparation for a minor surgical procedure.



Airman 1st Class Sonya Padilla/2d CS



Airman 1st Class Heather Tower/18th CS

Perfect fit

Airmen at Kadena Air Base, Japan, carefully guide an HH-60G Pave Hawk as it is loaded into a C-17 Globemaster III. The Globemaster crew flew two Pave Hawks to Sri Lanka Jan. 3 to support tsunami relief efforts in the region. Four more helicopters are scheduled to go. Besides aircraft and equipment, Airmen have loaded more than 145 tons of relief supplies on Air Force aircraft bound for the region.

AADD volunteers keep Deuce mighty

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
THE BOMBARDIER

Every weekend the volunteers for Airmen Against Drunk Driving know the time they have volunteered was worth it. Each time a volunteer picks someone up from a night of drinking, that Airman knows he or she is potentially saving many lives.

Airman 1st Class Shameka Waiters, an AADD volunteer from the 2d Mission Support Squadron, said the mission statement of the organization is "to reduce drunk driving at Barksdale and in the surrounding community by offering people a safe, free, anonymous alternative."

Last year alone, AADD, returned 773 Airmen to safety on late nights when they had no ride home.

Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander, described their efforts in 2004 as "outstanding." Maj. John Wilcox, 2d Security Forces Squadron commander, also applauded AADD's efforts and attributed the group's work as assisting in the dramatic drop in driving under the influence violations last year.

"The Airmen Against Drunk Driving chapter at Barksdale continues to be on the 'tip of the spear' when it comes to protecting our warriors and safeguarding

our roadways," Major Wilcox said. "Our dedicated Airmen helped reduce active-duty Barksdale DUIs from 43 in 2002 to 28 in 2004. AADD not only benefits a potential violator by offering a ride home, but more importantly, protects the innocent vehicle operators and family members who could unknowingly be the victim in an accident. Every DUI that AADD prevents makes the mighty Deuce's wartime capability one person stronger."

AADD will go through some changes in the near future as the organization's current advisor, Staff Sgt. LaKisha Conley, prepares for a permanent change of station. Sergeant Conley started out as a regular volunteer in 2002 around the time of AADD's inception at Barksdale. She said when she was volunteering, she saw "some places for improvement."

Before she knew what happened, she led and molded the AADD into the organization it is now, with coordination between squadrons and among first sergeants in order to maximize participation and effectiveness.

Sergeant Conley reminds her colleagues she isn't leaving her position because she wants to, but only because of her upcoming PCS. While searching for a successor, she is looking for someone

who has similar traits.

"I am looking for an NCO who is enthusiastic about this program," she said. "Someone who can share my passion and dedication to this program, who is ready to take the good with the bad and handle the criticism with the compliments while making continued improvements to AADD."

Anyone interested should call Sergeant Conley at 456-6608 to discuss where they can fit into continuing the success of AADD. AADD always needs volunteers to help out anytime to help prevent a DUI and build on the 41 saves it has already had in 2005.

Sergeant Conley says there are several reasons to volunteer for AADD and by the end of one night, she says volunteers will know they made a difference.

"At the end of the night, everyone should feel a sense of service before self: one of the three very important core values that we should demonstrate day in and day out," she said. "We volunteer all night on the weekends, sometimes on holidays, giving up our spare time to ensure that someone else has had a good time and can end that night on a safe note. And if that is not enough, volunteers should take pride in knowing that they possibly saved an individual's life."



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Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Dad, Marcus; stepmom, Jo; mom, Lynda; stepdad, Steve; brother, Brandon and sisters, Amy and Jodi

Hometown: Leonard, Texas

Unit: 2d Medical Support Squadron

Job title: Pharmacy technician

Job description: Dispensing medications and healthcare products to Barksdale people

Most rewarding job aspect: Helping people

Goals: To get senior Airman below-the-zone

Hobbies: Reading and yoga

What motivates my winning attitude: Customer satisfaction

Best day of my life: Graduating from basic training

Favorite tv show: Gilmore Girls

Favorite dish: Sushi

Favorite performer: Johnny Depp

Favorite Sports Team: Boston Red Sox

Favorite movie: Elf



Airman 1st Class Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier
Airman 1st Class Carrie Mikeska

Favorite book: The Traveler's Gift

My best asset is: My smile

I'm proudest of: Being in the Air Force

What I like most about Barksdale: The people

Pet peeve: People who aren't motivated

If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be: To add another gym

2d Medical Support Squadron at a glance

Squadron commander:

Maj. Brian Eppler

First sergeant:

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sanders

2d Medical Group commander:

Col. Robert Todaro

Squadron motto:

Who's the best? MDSS

\$8 Tickets to the coolest game in town!

Upcoming home games:

Jan. 14 Topeka

Jan. 20 Odessa

Jan. 28 Laredo

Jan. 29 Rio Grande

All home games played at CenturyTel Center in Bossier

MUDBUGS

only at Gifts & Getaways in the BX Mall, 456-1866

Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com

Bingo mania is back

The bingo buffet and early bird bingo begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the officers club. Come for a chance to win the \$700 cash jackpot or other prizes. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend for an evening of fun. All ranks are welcome. Call 456-4926 for more information.

Art classes

The arts and crafts center offers the following classes:

Children's art classes are available Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Youth ages 5 to 12 are invited to attend. Reservations are required by Tuesday.

Pottery classes are available for anyone 15 years old or older Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$8.50 plus supplies.

Framing classes are available Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 plus supplies.

Woodcrafting classes are available Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Call the arts and crafts center at 456-3140 for information about classes or for reservations.

Hold 'em card tournament

The hold 'em card tournament is back at the officers club. All ranks are invited to compete for the title. Sign up is at 6 p.m. Feb. 4 and play begins at 6:30 p.m. All players receive a \$10 buffet meal and play is free. Call 456-4926 for more information.

Miss Saigon

Gifts and Getaways has tickets to "Miss Saigon," Broadway's classic love story, at Shreveport's Strand Theater. The show runs March 12 and 13. Stop by the Strand box office or by Gifts and Getaways in the base exchange mall to get the military discount.

Extreme ice racing

Meet the riders from the Xtreme International Ice Racing Series at Gifts and Getaways in the BX mall. They will sign autographs from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday. They will also give away 10 pairs of tickets and discount coupons to the Saturday night show at the CenturyTel Center. Call 456-1866 for more information.

Red River dining menu

The following items are offered for dinner at the Red River Dining Facility.

Today — beef and corn pie, baked fish and roasted turkey for lunch and Yankee pot roast, corned beef or pineapple chicken

Saturday, — Creole shrimp, savory baked chicken or Swedish meatballs for lunch and Hungarian goulash, baked fish or barbecue chicken

Sunday — Cantonese spareribs,

mustard chicken or oven fried fish or lunch and strip loin steak, stir fry beef and broccoli or turkey nuggets

Monday — pot roast, baked stuffed fish or roasted pork loin is served for lunch and chili mac, beef cannelloni and southern fried chicken

Tuesday — veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken or lemon baked fish for lunch and meat loaf, country captain chicken or turkey ala king

Wednesday — the weekly special or Asian fare for lunch and stuffed pork chops, BBQ spare ribs and lemon herbed chicken

Thursday — stuffed cabbage rolls, southern fried catfish or herb baked chicken for lunch and roasted pork loin, glazed Cornish hen and Jaeger with mushroom sauce

Paintball

Paintball is scheduled Saturday and Feb. 5. Sessions are held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and last approximately three hours. Cost is \$12 and includes gun rental, mask, CO2 refills and 100 paintballs. Additional paintballs are available for purchase. Guests should wear long sleeves for warmth and protection. Call 456-7765 to sign up.

Punch card

Stop by the bowling center snack bar to pick up a lunch bunch punch card. The staff will punch the card with every meal purchase. The 10th meal is free. The offer is good for all combo items on the menu. Call 456-4162 for details.

Cash back

Cash rewards are one of the benefits that Air Force club members receive.

Members get a 1 percent rebate on all club card purchases. The free cash reward program has no fee and can be requested by calling 1-800-759-0294. There is also a generous airline mileage program that can be used. The number is on the back of the club card.

Members also receive local benefits at the club. They include the monthly members one dollar lunch, buy one get one free lunch every Monday, member pricing on everything at the club, members only games at bingo mania and discounts on official pro-rated special dinners and functions.

Membership applications are available at the club. Call 456-4926 for more information.

Cooking class

Outdoor recreation is offering a Dutch oven cooking class Jan. 22. Students will learn to cook wild game, cornbread, vegetables and dessert in a Dutch oven over a campfire. The items prepared in the cooking demonstrations will be served to the class. Cost is \$10. Sign up today by calling 456-7765.



At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice.
Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)



“Ocean’s Twelve”

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Today at 7 p.m.

Run time: 130 minutes

Cast: George Clooney, Brad Pitt

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Bomber Trivia

In February 1937, nine aircraft of the 96th Bomb Squadron conducted a training mission from Miami, Fla., to Albrook Field, Panama Canal Zone — a round trip flight of 4,216 miles. What type of aircraft was used on the mission?

- A. Martin B-10B
- B. Keystone LB-5A
- C. Thomas-Morse O-19C
- D. Curtiss B-2 Condor

Answer:
A. Martin B-10B

Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.
Reservations required for all events.

Budgeting class

A budgeting class is scheduled Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. This class is designed to teach the concept of budgeting, benefits of budgeting and how to use a budgeting tool. Topics include becoming financially responsible, distinguishing between needs and wants, spending attitudes, budgeting, saving and managing and reducing debt.

FSC leadership brief

A leadership brief is scheduled Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. All commanders and first sergeants recently arriving on Barksdale are invited to attend this briefing. This is an opportunity to learn about programs and services available to organizations, military members and families.

Personal, family readiness briefing

A personal and family readiness briefing is scheduled Thursday at 2 p.m. The Family Support Center’s Readiness Team provides information and support during this time of separation. This briefing prepares active duty, spouses, family members and significant others for times of separation.

Marriage checklist

If marriage plans are in the future come by the Family Support Center for a marriage checklist to help with the “To Do” list. It lists things to do before and after marriage such as basic requirements marriage license, planning a budget, chapel arrangements, ID cards, base decals, Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System enrollment and to update your emergency data cards, Tricare, life and auto insurance, and legal considerations.

Pre-separation briefing

The law directs members separating or retiring attend this briefing as soon as possible within the preceding 12 or 24 months. Better preparation leads to a smoother the transition back to civilian life. This mandatory briefing informs members the resources available as they make this transition.

Relocation briefing

All members permanently changing must attend a relocation briefing at least 90 days prior to their departure date. Learn about the many resources available to make a smooth and pleasant transition to the next duty assignment. Call 456-8400 to schedule a relocation briefing.

Parents, tots playgroup

Join this play group and take a break from the everyday routine. Improve children’s social skills, while parents network and share parenting success stories. Parents and tots playgroup is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Two annex.

Community briefs

Chapel information

Chapel One is located at 275 Barksdale Boulevard, East and Chapel Two is located at 724 Douhet Drive. Call the chapel at 456-2111 for information on chapel services.

Dining hall information

Call 456-8367 for menu information from the Red River Inn dining facility. Call 456-4769 for menu information from the flight kitchen.



Barksdale wins rematch

Lady Bombers beat Jaguars 55-42

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRANDON KUSEK

THE BOMBARDIER

Barksdale's Lady Bombers flew past the Jacksonville College Jaguars 55-42 Thursday in an exhibition game at the sports and fitness center.

The game was a rematch of a Nov. 18 contest between the two teams, which Jacksonville won.

Brandi Green led the Bombers in scoring with 17 points, followed by LaNitra Higgins with 8, Crystal Weeks with 7, Vonshwa Abramson and Tyiesha Roinson with 6, Janella Potter with 5, and Adrienne Beard and Tiara Jackson with 4.

"We played as a team," Higgins said. "We've played this team before so we knew that getting out of the gate early against this team was important."

The Bombers started the game by winning the tip and never looking back.

"Before the game, I told the players we had to push the ball down the floor, pound the ball down low and double down on defense," said Lady Bombers coach Kory Gibson. "I also stressed we had to keep the sixth man, the crowd, in the game."

The Jaguars pulled the game even with an 8-8 score early in the first half but it was the closest they would get.

"We had more of a presence down low thanks to Brandi (Green) with her blocks," Higgins said. "It allowed the guards to play more aggressive."

After a Jacksonville basket, the Bombers went on a 15-0 run, which was broken by a break-away basket by Jacksonville's Kenne Russel with four minutes left in the half.

The teams exchanged baskets until the break and went to the locker rooms with the Bombers leading, 28-22.

"Going into halftime, I felt good," Gibson said. "I told my team to keep the momentum on our side. Jacksonville is a well-coached team so I knew we couldn't let them get any momentum."

The second half started out slow with Jacksonville scoring the first basket almost two minutes into the half.

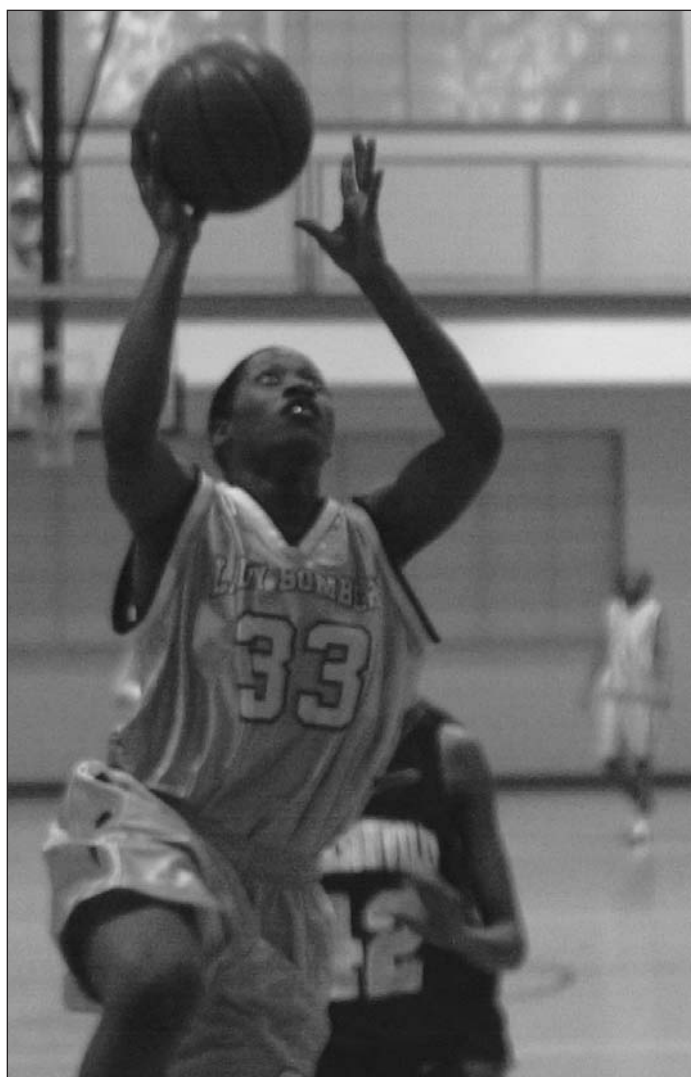
The teams then exchanged baskets with neither scoring more than four consecutive points until the final buzzer.

"Our guards shut them down, we shut them down," Gibson said. "We played well in the second half carrying over our momentum from the first half."

Coach Gibson was pleased with the win but knows his team needs to improve to keep winning.

"No matter how good you play, there's always room for improvement," he said. "We need to be more consistent and work on our defense."

The Lady Bombers' next home game is Jan. 29 vs. Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.



Airman 1st Class Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Lyiesha Robinson shoots a second half break-away layup during the Lady Bombers 55-42 win over Jacksonville College.



Sports shorts

Racquetball and volleyball

The intramural Racquetball and volleyball seasons are approaching. Letters of intent must be submitted by Feb. 4 for Racquetball and Feb. 21 for volleyball. The coaches meetings are Feb. 8 for Racquetball and Feb. 24 for volleyball. The letters must be hand carried or e-mailed to the fitness center. For more information, or to sign up, call Staff Sgt. Scott Robertson at 456-4135.

Golf tournament

Fox Run Golf Course hosts a polar bear golf tournament Jan. 22 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 and normal green fees apply. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Volunteers needed

Volunteer bike riders are needed to take part in the 33d Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa. Team Barksdale has six rider positions available for the seven-day, approximately 500-mile event. The ride is scheduled July 23 through 30. Registration forms and fees are due to Maj. Marc Olson by Jan. 30. Additionally, team Barksdale will need a two or three person support crew. Contact Major Olson at 456-9115 for more information.

Triple threat program

The fitness center offers a Triple Threat Program. Men and women achieving 1,000 miles, 2,000 push-ups and 2,000 sit-ups receive prizes. Additional prizes are awarded at the 500-mile mark and at the 750 sit-up and push-up mark. Tracking sheets may be picked up at the front desk of the sports and fitness center. Call 456-4135 for details.

Free golf clinics

Fox Run Golf Course offers free golf clinics Saturdays through Jan. 29 at 9 a.m. The clinics include free range balls and free golf club usage. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

Call 456-2263 or stop by the Fox Run pro shop to sign up.

Resolution solution 5K run

The Resolution Solution is at 11 a.m. Jan. 21 and features a five-kilometer run or walk, aerobathon and circuit training session. Free refreshments are provided and door prizes given away. The top three male and female runners receive awards. Call 456-4135 to sign up.

Basketball standings

	W	L
2d CES	4	0
2d SVS	4	0
2d CS	3	1
2d LRS	3	1
2d OG	3	1
2d AMXS	1	1
2d MUNS	1	2
2d MXS	1	2
8th AF	1	3
2d MDG	0	3
Navy/Marines	1	3
2d MSS/2d MOS	1	4
Army	0	3

Standings as of Jan. 11